

THE WEATHER:  
Cloudy today; showers tonight  
and tomorrow. Highest tempera-  
ture yesterday, 77; lowest, 50. Detailed  
report on page 3.

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# SALE TAX SEEN AS WAY TO LIFT LEVY BURDENS

Means Shown to Gain  
Revenues Cited in Hard-  
Message.

**SAYS RICH DODGE  
PURPOSE OF LAW**  
'Little Fellow' to Suffer If  
Nation's Output Is  
Not Assessed.

By MARK SULLIVAN.  
Knowledge of the consensus of  
intention on the part of Republican  
leaders in the House and Senate  
bears out the two definite recom-  
mendations that President Harding  
made on the subject of taxation.  
One of these recommendations was spe-  
cific. It said: "We are committed  
to the repeal of the excess profits  
tax." The other was less definite,  
but no well-informed hearer mis-  
understood it. Harding called for  
"the revision or repeal of those  
taxes which have become unproduc-  
tive and are so artificial and bur-  
densome as to defeat their own pur-  
pose."

**Big Income Tax.**  
By these words, everybody un-  
derstood Harding meant that the  
income and surtaxes on very large  
incomes are turning out to defeat  
their own purpose, and should,  
therefore, be repealed. This inten-  
tion is unanimous among all the  
leaders who will be responsible for  
the new tax program.  
The point at which the Repub-  
lican leaders draw the line between  
large incomes and smaller ones is  
\$50,000 a year. On the so-called in-  
comes of \$50,000 a year or less, the  
income and surtaxes run from,  
roughly, 40 per cent on \$50,000  
a year down to 4 per cent on \$1,000  
a year. On the big incomes from  
\$50,000 a year upward, the income  
and surtaxes are, roughly, from 40  
to 70 per cent. It is on these big  
incomes that it is proposed to make  
reductions so that the highest  
rate paid by anybody will be 40  
per cent.

**Tax Source Holds Interest.**  
Now, if these larger income taxes  
and the excess profits taxes are  
repealed, and the expectation in  
Washington is universal that they  
will be, the next question is: Where  
shall we get the taxes that formerly  
we have been getting from these  
sources?

To this question two answers are  
proposed. One is that the rate of  
taxation on small incomes shall be  
increased. This suggestion will  
strike the army of small income  
taxpayers as a blow. The other is  
that it is seriously discussed as the  
alternative in case the sale tax  
should fail.  
The other answer is the new form  
of taxation called the sales tax. It  
is in its simplest form in the form  
in which Senator Smoot, of Utah,  
introduced it—provides for a flat tax  
of 1 per cent on all goods, wares  
or merchandise sold. The tax is in  
simple form to which Senator Smoot  
has tried to reduce the idea, there  
are several exceptions or exemp-  
tions. One is that a merchant or  
other person who is engaged in the  
business of selling goods, wares or  
merchandise under \$5,000 a year should  
be exempt. This would leave most  
farmers free of the tax. Another  
exemption is that goods sold for  
export should not be taxed.

**Congress' Attitude in Doubt.**  
Now this new proposal will fare  
in Congress. It is the chief advocate of  
it, and it is no secret that even  
some of his associates on the Finance  
committee do not share his  
enthusiasm. The reasons animating  
those doubters has little to do with  
the merits of the tax, or with its  
practical effectiveness. The hesita-  
tion is based on doubts whether it  
can be put through Congress, and  
fears lest it should turn out to be so  
unpopular as to hurt the Republican  
party.

Undoubtedly, among the rank and  
file of Congress, and especially of  
the Lower House, there will be much  
opposition. This opposition is sup-  
posed to reflect the prejudices of that  
figure, potent in all political con-  
siderations, who is called "the little  
fellow." But the fact is, the great  
majority of the "little fellows" are  
already paying very considerable in-  
come taxes now. The only possible  
large of any relief for these small  
income tax payers lies in the pas-  
sage of the sales tax. In fact, it  
may readily happen that if the sales  
tax is not adopted, the small income  
taxpayer will see his rates raised in-  
stead of lowered.

**Tax Bogy Revived.**  
Many radicals oppose the sales  
tax because it violates one of their  
most ancient contentions—that there  
should be no taxation on fundamen-  
tals of life, food, clothing or shelter.  
If the Republic is to be saved, the  
courage that their immense major-  
ity ought to give them, they will  
face boldly this ancient plea against  
taxes on consumption. Inevitably  
taxes must fall either on consump-  
tion or on nonconsumption. There  
is no escape from that. In the present  
state of the world it is pre-  
cisely consumption that ought to be  
taxed, and it is precisely consump-  
tion that should be rewarded by exemp-  
tion from excessive taxation. Noncon-  
sumption is merely another word  
for savings.

# Daylight Saving Gives Hour to 4 Condemned Men

Killer, About to Die, Says  
He Wants All He's  
Entitled To.

CHICAGO, April 13.—The life  
of four men today was pro-  
longed one hour. The quartet  
is to be hanged Friday morning.  
Sam (The Devil) Cardinella,  
leader of the dread Cardinella  
gang, one of the four, today  
asked Jailer George Lee, what  
time the hanging was to take  
place. "He was informed that  
8 o'clock was the time set."  
"Central, standard, or Chicago  
daylight saving time?" asked  
Cardinella.  
"Chicago time," replied Lee.  
"It's in Chicago you're going to  
be hanged."  
"Yes, but I was sentenced be-  
fore the time was changed. This  
re-arrangement of time deprives  
me of an hour of life. That  
won't mean anything after I am  
dead, but it will mean a lot Fri-  
day morning," was the com-  
ment. "While there is life there  
is hope. I intend to stay alive  
just as long as I can."  
The jail officials, after a con-  
ference, granted the plea and  
changed the time of the hang-  
ings to 9 o'clock.  
Discovery of an attempt to  
explode a bomb in the jail  
leaked out today when Jailer  
Lee admitted that a quantity of  
nitroglycerine had been found  
in Cardinella's room. Officials de-  
clared their belief that the plac-  
ing of the explosive was part of  
a plot to effect the release of  
Cardinella.

# PARIS AND LONDON GLAD AT HARDING'S GERMAN POSITION

Scanty Comfort for Teu-  
ton Aspirations to Avoid  
Treaty Is Seen.

(Special Cable to Washington Herald and  
United News.)  
PARIS, April 13.—While a major-  
ity of the French editors are not  
enthusiastic over President Har-  
ding's message to Congress, they are  
at least grateful that the new ad-  
ministration has signified no inten-  
tion of aiding Germany to the detri-  
ment of France, and that it leaves  
France clear to choose the methods  
of debt collection to be applied after  
May 1.  
The outstanding note struck by  
the message, they believe, is its  
"utter repudiation of Wilson." Thus  
the Bainville-Liberte says:  
"The league of nations never had  
France's real support. France never  
would have accepted it except out  
of courtesy to President Wilson."  
Gauvain, in the Journal des De-  
bats, cautions against scrapping the  
league, declaring it offers a practical  
and monetary advantage.

**Stand on Germany.**  
"Germany will feel herself badly  
if she serves on the new American  
administration to help her escape  
her obligations," he concludes.

# British Claim United States Crystallizes Foreign Policies

LONDON, April 13.—The outstand-  
ing significance of President Har-  
ding's message to Congress, British  
officials declare, is that "the diplo-  
matic paralysis which has existed  
since the repudiation of former  
President Wilson has been replaced  
by a definite commitment to a for-  
eign policy by the American govern-  
ment."  
British officials see no benefits for  
Germany arising out of America's  
new position.

# POST \$1,000 REWARD IN CHURCH BLAZE

St. Paul's Episcopal Vestrymen Believe Edi-  
fice Set Afire.

# HARDING HOLDS PACT AS CLUB OVER ENTENTE

Reconsideration of Amer-  
ican Rights Will Come  
First.

**JAPANESE-BRITISH  
ALLIANCE DISLIKED**  
Allowance of U. S. Con-  
tentions Must Precede  
Treaty Dealings.

By ARTHUR SEARS HENNING.  
President Harding will take no  
step in the direction of partial ratifi-  
cation of the Versailles treaty, un-  
less the allied powers first recon-  
sider their award of Yap Island to  
Japan and acknowledge full Ameri-  
can rights in the disposition of all  
the confiscated territories of the  
central empires.

This disclosure was made authori-  
tatively yesterday, concurrently  
with the introduction in the Senate  
of the Knox resolution declaring  
peace with Germany, as revised and  
approved by the President. It  
means of this resolution it is plan-  
ned to re-establish peace with Ger-  
many within the next three weeks.  
**Hughes Sees Reconsideration.**  
Secretary of State Hughes is  
known to be supremely confident  
that the allies will reconsider their  
denial of American rights in the  
mandate territories. If, however,  
they should persist in their course  
of resisting the American conten-  
tions, the administration would re-  
gard the attitude an insuperable ob-  
stacle to negotiations with the al-  
lies in regard to American ratifica-  
tion of the reparations, economic  
and other features of the Versailles  
treaty affecting the rights and in-  
terests of the United States.

The allies, according to the ad-  
ministration view, would be solely  
responsible for interposing obstacles  
to American acceptance of any  
part of the Versailles treaty and the  
only feasible alternative would be  
the negotiation of separate peace  
terms with Germany.  
**Italy Favors U. S. Contentions.**  
Italy already has taken a posi-  
tion favorable to the American con-  
tentions. But Great Britain and  
Japan have not answered the  
Hughes note on Yap, and France  
has replied in a suggestion that  
this question be settled by the  
United States and the United States.  
Mr. Hughes holds that the controversy is  
with the allies jointly and he will cer-  
tainly not suggestion to deal with  
Japan alone.

Non will the administration con-  
sent to the inclusion of the Yap  
question in general negotiations to  
settle all matters at issue between  
the United States and Japan, as  
proposed by the allies. It is con-  
templated to report to Congress  
proposing that the United States  
Yap and general mandate questions  
distinct from all other issues, and  
one in which the Allies are called  
upon to undo jointly, what they have  
done jointly in defiance of Ameri-  
can rights.

**Would Frown on Dual Alliance.**  
It also has transpired that the  
projected renewal of the Anglo-  
Japanese treaty next July, may be-  
come involved in the conversations  
between the United States and  
Great Britain, if the Yap and  
general mandate is not settled  
to the satisfaction of the United  
States. The inference is that the  
United States would view with dis-  
favor a renewed alliance of two  
nations continuing to deny the  
United States its just rights.  
If, however, the allies yield to the  
United States in this controversy,  
Secretary Hughes will open negotia-  
tions to determine the most feasible  
means of accepting those parts of  
the Versailles treaty in which the  
United States is interested. This  
might be done by sending a dele-  
gation to Europe, or by calling a con-  
ference of the allies in Washington.  
It also is suggested that if it  
should appear impracticable for the  
United States to ratify the treaty  
with reservations, these parts ac-  
ceptable to America might be em-  
bedded in a new treaty or treaties  
to be signed by the United States,  
the allies and Germany.

# New York to Perpetuate Police Sergeant's Valor

NEW YORK, April 13.—Police  
Lieut. Floyd Horton, who killed an  
auto bandit several months ago and  
took down the number of the car as  
he lay in a gutter, mortally wound-  
ed, has been canonized as one of  
the great heroes of the New York  
Police Department in posthumous  
recognition of conduct.

Horton's name led the year's list  
of heroes. It is to be placed in let-  
ters of bronze on the tablets in po-  
lice headquarters, reserved for men  
killed in the line of duty.

# PRESIDENT DOES HIS SHARE BUT GRIFFMEN FALL DOWN



Photo by Harris and Ewing.

# DEMOCRATS HOTLY PROTEST "STEAM ROLLER" TACTICS

Claim 10-to-6 Committee  
Plan Unwarranted.  
Are Ignored.

Loud and vociferous outcries were  
raised by the Democrats against  
what they charged as "steam-roller"  
tactics of the Republican majority  
in reorganizing the Senate commit-  
tees.  
Senator Brandegee of Connecticut,  
Republican, brought up a new rule  
adopted by the Republicans in cau-  
sus fixing the size of the ten major  
committees at sixteen members, ten  
by Republicans and six Democrats.  
Senator Hitchcock of Nebraska de-  
nounced the rule "as an attempt to  
grab outrageous majorities" on all  
the committees. Although there  
have been occasions when the Re-  
publicans had larger majorities in  
the Senate, he said, they had never  
before attempted to seize so large a  
proportion of committee representa-  
tion.  
Senator McCumber of North Dak-  
ota, Republican, pointed out that  
the present Republican majority is  
nearly two to one, while the com-  
mittee representation under the new  
rule would be at the ratio of about  
ten to six.  
"The complaint of the Senator  
from Nebraska seems to be that the  
Republicans have been too generous  
in the past," said Senator McCum-  
ber.  
Senator Hitchcock insisted that  
there was "no historical precedent"  
for such a rule as that proposed by  
Senator Brandegee.

# NAB 4 IN TENNESSEE ON PEON CHARGES

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., April 13.—  
Following an investigation of con-  
ditions existing at a camp on the  
Lee Highway, near Tate Springs,  
Tenn., government officials yester-  
day arrested four men on charges  
of "conspiracy to hold men in bond-  
age."  
All four are employed by the  
Southern Construction Company,  
which has a large contract for con-  
struction work on the Lee High-  
way.  
Punitive conditions of peonage  
are charged in the warrants. One  
count recites that three negroes,  
after escaping from the construc-  
tion camp, were captured by the  
defendants, taken back, stripped of  
their clothing, laid across a tool  
chest in a tent occupied by one of  
the foremen and beaten with a pine  
board. One of the negroes exhib-  
ited a broken wrist he claimed he  
received at the time.

# HOUSE OF DAVID HAD 24-COUPLE WEDDING

CHICAGO, April 13.—A wedding  
at the House of David, Benton Har-  
bor, Mich., at which twenty-four cou-  
ples were married by one ceremony,  
was described Wednesday by Mrs.  
Hildal Hanel, seeking annulment  
of her marriage to Russell Hanel.  
"We were told that if we refused  
to marry we would be marooned on  
an island in northern Lake Michi-  
gan," she told Judge Baldwin. "We  
were lined up in a big room, and  
one ceremony was read for the en-  
tire twenty-four couples. I have  
never lived with my husband. It is  
against the rules for married peo-  
ple to live together in the House  
of David."  
She said she left the cult shortly  
after her marriage.

# Carranza Chiefs to Unite For New Mexican Revolt

EL PASO, Tex., April 13.—Gen.  
Pablo Carranza, former Carranista,  
now at Laredo, Tex., will join Gen.  
Felipe Diaz, who is in exile in New  
Orleans, in a revolt against Presi-  
dent Obregon, of Mexico, according  
to La Patria, a local Spanish news-  
paper.

# JUDGE IN STOKES CASE GOES TO ROOF

Effort to Peek in Room Where  
Millionaire's Wife Was Said  
To Have Been.

NEW YORK, April 13.—An ordi-  
nary gravelled extension roof ad-  
joining the former bachelor apart-  
ments of Edgar T. Wallace, the Cal-  
ifornia oil millionaire, became the  
scene of a dramatic scene today in  
the Supreme Court, for a few minutes  
this evening when Justice Finch,  
who is hearing the Stokes divorce  
trial, went to determine whether or  
not any one else had been in the  
judicial bench of the New York  
Supreme Court, as witnesses  
in Wallace's bedroom, as witnesses  
have testified.  
Only by gazing through brick and  
mortar walls, or by other gift of  
vision enabling them to see around  
corners, could the witnesses have  
seen what they claim to have seen.  
Attorney Henry A. Wise declared.  
Zenos Mattoessian, a draughts-  
man, who, with his wife, claimed  
to have observed the Titian-haired  
beauty combing her hair one night  
in 1914, examined a blue print of  
the roof and bedroom which made  
the alleged feat of perception seem  
miraculous. Yet he maintained his  
story.  
Justice Finch's coming had been  
tipped off in advance so that there  
would be no embarrassing devel-  
opments in case any of the present  
cramine occupants might be dress-  
ing for dinner or the theater.  
Everything went very smoothly.  
The judge made no comment.

SCIENCE NOTES.  
The Herald's accurate, timely and  
interesting column reporting lo-  
cal scientific and engineering activities  
appears daily on the editorial page.

TWO CENTS

# RIOTS INCREASE AS UNIONS DEFY BRITISH POWER

Strike of Triple Alliance  
Scheduled to Start  
On Friday.

**PROSPECT DARKER  
FOR SETTLEMENT**

Scotch and Welsh Miners  
Show Teeth as Labor  
Fever Grows.

(Special Cable to The Washington Herald  
and Chicago Tribune.)  
By JOHN STEELE.

LONDON, April 13.—The Society  
of Locomotive Engineers and Fire-  
men, heretofore lukewarm, decided  
to join the triple alliance strike  
Friday. The executive railway  
clerks strongly recommend joining  
the strike on the ground that the  
issue affects all organized labor.  
They will decide on the question  
tomorrow.

The triple alliance has issued a  
manifesto addressed to "fellow  
workmen," which says it is fighting  
for trade union rights.  
"We resent the suggestion," the  
manifesto continues, "that the  
miners' fight is a political fight as  
the government claims. We are not  
proclaiming a revolution. We are  
standing shoulder to shoulder for  
fundamental trade union rights. If  
these are denied to the miners now  
they will be denied to the whole  
trade union movement later."

"Unions Must Triumph."  
"The fight must and will be won.  
British trade unionism must tri-  
umph against the united efforts of  
British organized capital's attempt  
to destroy trade union achievements  
legitimately gained by years of hard  
work and sacrifice."  
It is now evident an effort will  
be made to bring about a national  
general strike of all organized work-  
ers. A national conference of unions  
began to show its teeth in separate  
conditions. Workers are being re-  
called for London tomorrow. A joint  
meeting of the parliamentary com-  
mittee, trade unions congress, na-  
tional executive of the labor party  
and parliamentary labor party will  
be held in the house of commons to-  
morrow.

The triple alliance, the railroad  
men, miners and transport workers,  
have thrown down the gauntlet to  
the government for an industrial  
war, fixing the time of the railroad  
and transport strike at 10 p. m. Fri-  
day. The orders are absolutely un-  
conditional. There is one ray of  
hope, for many days ago, in re-  
sponse to the triple alliance, the  
time many things may happen.  
Unions labor in the most formid-  
able domestic uprising to threaten  
the British state in recent centuries.  
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At Marking near Edinburgh in  
Scotland a band of miners lead a  
large force of West Fifeshire miners  
to the heart of the city. After a re-  
pulsive fight with the police, the  
parade a jewelry shop was entered  
despite the protests of its proprietor  
and a number of articles were taken.  
The miners then led the miners to  
Thornton, a nearby town, and at-  
tacked the railway station. The  
waymen there out on strike. The  
railwaymen refused, and the miners  
began to smash windows and to  
throw stones at residents. Marines  
dispersed the mob, but during the  
night the railway station was looted.  
The marines still are guarding the district.

A mine official was attacked in  
Glyn Corwg near Meath as he was  
going to his work. He fled to his  
home, while the crowd then at-  
tacked, smashing the windows.  
Guards finally restored order.

Meanwhile the prospects of a set-  
tlement and peace have grown  
darker. The settlement of the  
strike was made this morning by  
J. H. Thomas, the railwaymen's  
leader. After an hour's meeting with  
the alliance executives, Mr. Thomas  
was present at the meeting of the  
alliance executives, went immedi-  
ately to 10 Downing Street to see  
Premier Lloyd George, and they  
will keep in close touch with both  
sides.

More Troops Posted.  
The government has now com-  
pleted all preparations for the  
preservation of order and the pro-  
tection of the men continuing work.  
Troops are posted everywhere in  
readiness for action and special po-  
lice have been enrolled all over the  
country.

The government today issued  
notice to all workers that they  
will be protected by the fullest power  
of the state not only during the strike  
but also against being victimized  
after the settlement.

A serious feature of the situation  
is the fact that several other unions  
have sent applications to the triple  
alliance for permission to join the  
strike.

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